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Several arrested in protests against Reagan aid request

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Official Washington wasn't the only place debating President Reagan's plea for aid to Nicaragua's "contra" rebels:

In Minneapolis, Minn., two people were arrested and 33 cited for trespassing after they demonstrated at Sen. Dave Durenberger's office against the proposed federal aid. Durenberger, a Republican, is chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence.

For two hours Monday morning demonstrators blocked access to Durenberger's office, staff assistant Ann Schroeder said. By late afternoon, a dozen still remained outside the downtown Minneapolis building, holding ban-

ners and handing out leaflets.

Across the river in St. Paul, several people were arrested at Sen. Rudy Boschwitz's office. The 50 demonstrators behaved peacefully at first — reading statements and singing songs — but then disrupted business at the Republican's office.

"We have rules and regulations," said press secretary Mary Lahr.

Congressional offices elsewhere were hearing from constituents, one day after Reagan appealed on national TV for \$100 million in aid to Nicaragua's rebels:

■ Rep. Tony Coelho, who chairs the House Democrats' campaign committee, said calls to his California district office were 5-1 against Reagan.



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DURENBERGER: Office targeted by demonstrators

■ Rep. Richard Stallings said he had 310 calls at his Washington and four Idaho offices, with 114 siding with Reagan and 196 against. The freshman Democrat was visited Monday by CIA officials and even a top "contra" leader, Alfonso Robelo, trying to win his vote.

■ By midday Monday, telephone calls to the Washington and Indiana offices of Republican Sen. Daniel Quayle were running 2-1 in favor of Reagan's package. "It's accurate to say that our office in Washington and the five offices in Indiana have been deluged with calls," press secretary Peter Lincoln said. Quayle supports the package.